

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE**

March 5, 2013

IAC Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Jeff Kirk, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Jeff Kirk, Vicki Pool

Members via teleconference: Kathy Anderson, Donna Catalano, Karen Ellerbrook, Jon Ford (ex officio), Suzie Rentschler

Members absent: Gil Cárdenas, Susan Hardwick, Sherry Stark

IAC staff present: Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin, Lewis Ricci, Rex Van Zant

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** IAC Commissioner Jeff Kirk called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Review of Agenda and November Minutes.** Due to lack of quorum present, no action was taken. The Committee on the Future minutes from November 13, 2012 will be considered for approval at a special meeting of the COF prior to the next meeting of the full Commission on March 22, 2013.

3. **Financials.** IAC Deputy Director Michelle Anderson presented a handout (attached) showing the FY 2013 IAC budget, current through February 28, 2013. IAC Executive Director Lewis Ricci explained ramifications for IAC from the federal “sequester” budget cuts. The National Endowment for the Arts, a branch of the Department of the Interior, will make no changes to FY 2013 allocations, but will likely reduce state allocations by 2.75% for FY 2014. This will probably amount to a \$20,000 reduction for the Indiana allocation. Mr. Ricci also reported that the FY 2014 – 2015 state budget has been approved in the House of Representatives and is now being reviewed in the Senate. The working budget for IAC represents a 3% reduction from FY 2012 – 2013.

4. **Allocation Formula Review.** Mr. Ricci reported that the allocation formula for determining Regional Block Grants has been under review for several months by an ad-hoc committee consisting of current Regional Arts Partners, former Partners, current Commissioners, former Commissioners and IAC staff. The committee has met several times and has now finished its deliberations, resulting in a set of recommendations. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (“FY 2014 and FY 2015 Regional Block Grant, Arts Operating Support III, and Regional Initiative Grant Changes”, attached) explaining the proposed changes. The major impact of the changes is to provide a high level of consistency in grant amounts for arts organizations of similar size around the state. The

proposed changes also provide a level of independence for Regional Arts Partners to address particular needs in various regions. Mr. Ricci reported that three public teleconferences have been held for grantees around the state, and that the Regional Arts Partners have fully agreed with the proposed changes. Due to lack of quorum present, no action was taken. The Committee on the Future will convene a special meeting prior to the next meeting of the full Commission on March 22, to recommend approval of the changes. IAC Commissioner Karen Ellerbrook offered “highest praises” to the review committee. RAP chair Donna Catalano added that the process was “very well run, with good discussions, and no dissention on the final outcomes.”

5. Governor’s Office and Legislature. Mr. Ricci announced that the Governor’s office has appointed a new liaison for the Arts Commission – Andrew Kossack. IAC Commissioner Jon Ford has been previously acquainted with Mr. Kossack. Mr. Ricci and Mr. Kossack had their first meeting in the IAC office recently. Mr. Kossack will try to make arrangements for a meeting between IAC representatives and the First Lady of Indiana, Karen Pence, who has expressed an interest in the activities of the Arts Commission. Mrs. Pence has also been named as honorary chair of the Indiana Bicentennial celebration.

6. Strategic Plan Update and Monitoring. Mr. Ricci reminded the committee that the time has come to begin to articulate strategies for the remaining three years of the current IAC Strategic Plan. He recommended a series of focus group meetings, variously involving other state agencies, Regional Arts Partners, other strategic partners, and grantees and constituents in the field. These group meetings can be scheduled during the upcoming summer and autumn months. Mr. Kirk agreed that IAC should move ahead with plans for the focus groups.

7. Cultural Trust. Vicki Pool from the Office of the State Treasurer presented a handout (attached) showing the current activity of the Cultural Trust fund. The balance of the fund as of January 31, 2013 was \$2,358,730.65. IAC Marketing and Communications Director Rex Van Zant presented a handout (attached) showing current sales activity for the Arts Trust license plate. The IAC specialty plate ranks 12th among all specialty plates sold in the state. Mr. Kirk recommended that IAC take steps to increase sales that would make the Arts Trust plate one of the top ten plates being sold. He recommended that IAC set the goal of attaining a top ten ranking by the end of calendar year 2013.

8. Old Business. Mr. Ricci reported that the next Emeritus Commissioner event will be scheduled to coincide with the June 2013 meeting of the full Commission in Indianapolis.

9. New Business. Mr. Van Zant presented copies of the IAC Indiana Cultural Trust 2013 Report to the General Assembly (attached)

10. Adjourn. Mr. Kirk thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 11:10 a.m.